THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The total number of employees category-wise employed by FCI in Punjab and the number of ex-servicemen in each category is indicated below:-

Category of employees	Total No. of employees	No. of ex-service men
I	43	4
II	431	—
III	5490	120
IV	3292	944

Survey of Marine Resources

747. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey of marine resources that exist between 100 to 200 mile limit in our ocean waters;

(b) what is the approximate quantity available in this zone; and

(c) what are the reasons for not exploiting this zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Fishery Survey of India has been surveying the fishery resources of our Exclusive Economic Zone including areas between 100-200 miles limit and beyond.

(b) The fishery resources in the 100-200 miles Zone has been estimated at about 5 lakh tonnes.

(c) Lack of suitable resources, specific fishing vessels such as tuna long liners, tuna purse seiners etc. and requisite facilities and technology for processing and export of tuna etc. are the major constraints in the exploitation of this zone.

Fishing by Joint venture and Charter Trawlers

748. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the consensus arrived at the meeting called to discuss the problems created by the new fishery policy of Government on June 8th, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have recognised the need to restrict further shrimp fishing by big boats;

(c) the areas in which joint venture and charter trawlers are supposed to fish; and

(d) whether any action has been taken to implement the suggestions made at this meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The following were the important recommendations made by the Hon'ble Members in the meeting:—

(i) It was suggested that operation of chartered vessels should be allowed only beyond 50-60 miles, even 100 miles from the shore.

(ii) It was felt that in connection with charter, depositing of 20 per cent value of the catch in advance would be difficult for the foreign collaborator.

(iii) Deep sea fishing vessels should be operated keeping the interest of the poor fishermen in view.

(iv) Cold storages may be put up in suitable places in order to store fish and release them gradually depending on demand.

(b) Yes, Sir.